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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who have paid term 2 school contributions and activity fees this term (happy to customise payment arrangements for those who haven't).

... to the parents of year 7 and 8 students for supporting their children's science investigations.

### People of the week

... Cody M who moved up a reading level this week ... well done Cody!

... Georgia P, Dylan B and Ashton H for some amazing writing this week.

... Players of the day - Netball - #3 team Piper D; #1 team Paige H;

### Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

5 June	Queens Birthday
7 June	10 Pin Bowling Trip (some Year 6s)
8 June	Year 4, 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 15.6)
22 June	Choir practice at Hurupaki School
3 / 4 July	Parent / teacher interviews
7 July	Final day of term 2

### Changes to the school bus bay

If you have not done so, please check newsletter 19 May (available via our school website or facebook page) for information on changes to our lower bus bay. Mr Palmer has worked hard to get road markings in place and so this project is edging nearer to completion.

There are designated "pick up zones" and "bus zones" marked and so please do not park in these areas. Please also adhere to the 5k speed restriction in the bus bay.

We encourage parents to continue to use the bus bay as a pick up point after school as this eases pressure on the upper carpark.

### 40kph speed limit

Please adhere to the 40km per hour speed restriction on the portion of Matarau Road adjoining the school.

This a busy road & especially before & after school with parents trying to park plus children can be unpredictable.



### School Gates

As advised in an earlier newsletter, modifications have been made to our school gates. They are now heavier than before, and adjustments may be necessary from time to time to ensure they swing fully closed. Please get in the habit of double checking to ensure that gates fully shut behind you. If not, please let our office know and we will see that springs are tightened. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

### **Items in previous newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)**

Upper carpark	Bus bay	First day 2018
Contributions and activity fees	Scooters on bus	School photos
Headlice inspections	Scooters at school	Naming of fidgets
Cambridge Programme 2018		

### **Winter Sports – Year 4, 5 & 6 – 8th June (pp 15.6)**

Please ensure your child has their Matarau School shirt – the green one – a jumper and raincoat for this event. If your child is involved in Hockey please provide a mouth guard. Suitable sports shoes should be brought if your child is playing football, netball, or hockey. Children are to have bare feet for Rippa Rugby. Shin pads are optional for football and hockey. All students should bring two drink bottles with water if possible. Please ensure any outstanding consents are returned to school by Tuesday. New green polo shirts can be purchased from the office for \$30 each. If there are questions about this event please to Mr Schuster.

### **Ten Pin Bowling – Year 6 – 7th June**

Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr Schuster please.

### **Digital Devices**

If child has a personal ipad (as opposed to a school ipad) please encourage them to bring this to school each day. This ensures they have their device when they need it, and relieves the pressure on school devices. If there is any particular reason your child is not bringing their device to school please let us know and we will see how we can help. Thank you.

### **International Schools Competitions**

Practice papers for the English exam will be issued early next week. As in previous years we will meet with participants from time to time to see how they are going and to provide encouragement.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home please (parents will also need to mark these from the marking sheet provided).

A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English – 1 August ... Mathematics – 15 August.

Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available week beginning 20 June.

### **Headlice Inspections**

All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

### **Old Magazines**

Do you have any old children's magazines lying around at home that you no longer have use for? If so Room 8 would love to have them for their classroom. Drop in to the office or Room 8. Many Thanks. Mrs Lunn

### **Drink Bottles**

Please ensure that children bring a drink bottle to school each day .. water is best .. water helps with brain function, good for the teeth, essential for healthy function of every organ of the body. We would love as many children as possible to be in the habit of regular drinking of water .. a critical skill for life and wellness.

### **Student Wellness Survey**

Our Student Survey has been administered and focus interviews undertaken. We are now crunching numbers, analysing responses etc. If all goes well we will be able to share some impressions with you soon..

### **Finally**

Matarau School has an amazing support staff. Wednesday 14 June is National School Support Day and so, if passing any of our support staff in the build up to this day, please tell them how much you appreciate their work, or flick us an email and we will forward it to them. Our support staff frequently undertake professional development in their own time, many of them are very well qualified, they are great team workers, and they have real heart for the children. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated support staff and so please set aside a minute or so in coming weeks to let them know they are appreciated.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**Our ESOL Students & a Buddy went on the R Tucker Thompson  
this week. The children all had a great time. Here are some**





# Community Notices

**Dr Graham's 'Blow-Up Science'** taking place at 11:30am on Tuesday 18 July (school holidays) at Forum North. Dr Graham Walker has been performing science shows for the past 15 years around the world & thrill audiences with his unique brand of engaging science. The show is free but you must book tickets online - [royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham](http://royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham).

**Massive Garage Sale!!** - Huanui College Gym Saturday 24 June, from 7am. Huge variety of good stuff

**Rising Starz** are holding auditions for Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr on Sunday June 11th 1-4pm at The Riverbank Centre Whangarei. Between ages of 8-18. Check facebook for more details.

**Art with Jessie Rose** – Inspire. 10 week course starting term 3, at the Studio at 575 Kamo Road. Limited spaces. See the poster on the school notice board outside the hall or find Jessie Rose on facebook. Email [jessieroseltd@gmail.com](mailto:jessieroseltd@gmail.com)

**Ride from Kamo to Matarau** - If you are able to transport a Y8 student to or from Kamo about 8.30 in the mornings please contact Margi on 022 467 1930.

## School Lunches



**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pies, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Rolls (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. In the

case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

## Bus Bay Parking Layout Changes

